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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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AFGHAN BOTHER.

SMILA, May 2.

A communique states that a letter dated May 28 from Amir Aman Ulla addressed to the Viceroy and asking for a cessation of hostilities has been received at Peshawar. Its arrival at Simla is awaited. The following is a certified copy of the Amir's order to the commander of the Afghan eastern army (and presumably to other commanders) attached to the letter. "May it be known to our exalted and dignified brothers Dost Mohammed Khan of the civil and military and Naib Salar of the eastern side that according to information received by us these days from the Government of India it appears that fighting has taken place between the troops of the two sides owing to some misunderstanding. You should suspend hostilities until the door of discussion and communication has been opened as we had no intention of fighting with this old friend of ours and were obliged to take defensive measures. Now that he also desires peace we order and command that you keep back your regular troops and tribes of Mujahidin Ghazis for whom we are liable and responsible with your masterly efforts and wait for further orders. You should, however, keep in view defensive and offensive preparations in the result of the discussion between your sublime Government and the illustrious British Government is peace or otherwise. I shall inform you. I, that is to say you, should suspend action until further orders. Dated May 27 1919. Amir Aman Ulla."

SMILA, June 2.

Reinforcements moving on Thal after some fighting drove the enemy off the hills to the south. Aeroplanes co-operated successfully, bombing and machine gunning the enemy holding the ridges. Our force in the vicinity of Miranshah successfully attacked an enemy *lashkar*. A number of casualties were inflicted and the *lashkar* dispersed. We destroyed four towers. On the Terajat border some of our posts are still menaced by tribesmen who have collected in large numbers in the vicinity of Jandola and Murtaza, which post has been fired on. No incidents of importance are reported from Dakka. Emissaries from Kabul are again visiting Tsnah. The Jallalabad district is now most insecure for the traveller. The late Afghan envoy, it is reported, had difficulty in procuring a reliable escort.

CRICKET.

LONDON, May 28.

The match Australians v. Middlesex at Lords was drawn.

A RIDICULOUS CLAIM.

THIS MUST BE A JOKE.

PARIS, May 28.

It is understood the Germans will counterclaim for twelve billion, eight hundred and fifty million marks damages from the blockade, as a set-off to the Allies' reparations demands.

SOME CLAIMS.

LONDON, May 28.

The counterproposals of Germany also agree to neutralize the Vistula which was given to Poland under the peace treaty and guarantee the Poles equal rights to the use of the river but it is asserted that Germany will refuse to surrender any territory without consulting the inhabitants. Germany emphatically rejects the cession of Upper Silesia, east Prussia, west Prussia, or Memel. A free harbour will be established at Danzig. With regard to the colonies, if the League of Nations is established and Germany included as a member with equal rights, Germany should administer the colonies according to the League's principles and in given circumstances as the League's Mandatory. Germany rejects the penal stipulations and demands a neutral tribunal to try all violations of the usages of war.

PARIS CONFERENCE NOTES

PARIS, May 28.

At a secret plenary session tomorrow the Austrian peace terms will be submitted to the Allied delegates.

The Germans are handing in their reply to the Treaty to-morrow, consisting of 180 pages in German. Anglo-French translations will be handed in later.

The territorial question of Fiume is settled but the economic position of the town under the new regime is undecided.

THE BOLSHEVIST WAR.

COPENHAGEN, May 27.

The Estonians have captured the town of Wolma. The Bolsheviks' hasty retreat continues.

The Lithuanians which captured Riga are continuing their advance into Livonia. They have captured the famous station and bridgehead of Uexkuell on the Dwina. The pursuit of the Bolsheviks continues.

LONDON, May 28.

It is officially announced that owing to development of the situation in the Baltic states it has been decided to despatch a British mission to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, with branches at Ravel, Libau and Kovno. Colonel Tallents, who has been appointed the British commissioner, left London for Libau on May 25.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICA'S GOOD FAITH.

TO STOP COMPETITIVE ABANDONMENTS.

WASHINGTON, May 27th.

Mr. Josephus Daniels urged the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives to abandon the additional construction of ten battleships and ten cruisers, proposed several months ago by the Navy Department, in order to show the confidence of the United States in the League of Nations, which is initiated.

Mr. Daniels said that conditions had changed since last December. The United States must either have the League of Nations, which would put an end to competitive construction, or the biggest navy in the world. There was no middle course.

Mr. Daniels suggested the appropriation of \$45,000,000 for naval aeroplane construction next year.

U.P.'S AND WEE FREES.

LONDON, May 28th.

The Church of Scotland general assembly, after a heated and prolonged debate, has approved, by an overwhelming majority, the report of the Union Committee recommending the Presbyteries report before November 20th, whether approved or disapproved, the draft of the articles of union with the United Free Church, and directing the commission of an assembly to be held in December for the purpose of authorising the Union Committee, in the event of a majority of Presbyteries approving the articles, to approach the Government as regards the necessary legislation.

KING HONOURS AIRMEN.

LONDON, May 28th.

At Buckingham Palace, H.M. the King decorated Mr. Hawker and Captain Mackenzie-Grieve with the Royal Air Force Cross.

BOLSHEVICS LOSING.

LONDON, May 28th.

The War Office announces that in the fighting in South Russia, the Volunteer Army completely defeated the Bolsheviks in the March area. The Bolshevik base depot at Remontov was captured, with 3,500 prisoners, 13,000 new rifles, and thirteen guns. The Tenth Bolshevik Army is believed to have been heavily defeated along the whole front, and to have lost 10,000 in prisoners, and 25 guns, besides several destroyed regiments.

The whole of Donetz has been practically captured by the Bolsheviks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE WAY THEY ARE TALKING.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Dear Sir,—A case came up to-day in which a Police officer is alleged to have committed a serious offence on a Chinese girl. The Magistrate ruled that the case be cleared. Will you please inform me—

(a) Whether the Magistrate is empowered on his own initiative to make such ruling.
(b) Whether it is not detrimental to public interests that such a ruling should be made.
(c) Whether the English newspapers should be debared from reporting the proceedings.

Recently, Mr. Justice Darling, of the London Courts, ruled that the interests of justice and decency are best served by publicity. He was referring to a case which was not dissimilar to the one in progress at the local Courts.

In view of this eminent judge's ruling, it would be interesting to know why a Hongkong magistrate thinks otherwise. Secrecy has an ugly stigma attaching to it—especially in connection with criminal cases.—Yours, etc.,

IGNORANT.

A CHINESE DINNER.

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ENTERTAIN MANY GUESTS.

Large looking buildings, with hundreds of electric lights, are to be found after a long train ride to West Point. One of these is the To Yuen, famous among *bons vivants*. You go up an external stair, and enter a handsome entrance. Here last night the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company entertained to dinner the delegates from Canton who had come to investigate the rumours that their cigarette factory was contaminated by Japanese machinery, or Japanese employees, or Japanese raw material—just now unpopular in China.

The delegation, which included some distinguished Chinese officials, was quite satisfied that the rumours were unfounded. As reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, they found no trace of Japanese connections in the local factory which every hour of every day turns out tens and hundreds of thousands of high-class cigarettes. They gave Mr. Chan Pui Nam, the secretary, a certificate to this effect. This, mind you, before dinner.

It was a swell dinner. The *China Mail* was represented. You don't know what good food is till you have had a dinner like last night's. Beginning with shark's fin, delicious and nutritious, and passing on from chicken and duck and mussels and mushrooms to the sumptuously cooked garoupa fish, with chicken livers and countless mysterious dainties in between, with hot towels and fragrant China tea, it was one long succession of good eats. The amiable tube-manners of the hosts, largely wasted on the ignorant foreigners, helped to make it more agreeable.

Behind each guest was a charming young lady, a trained conversationist, to beguile the diner from impossible boredom by edifying conversation. This is an excellent custom, for those able to appreciate their *bons mots*. The *China Mail*'s lady was understood to say that it was very warm for the time of year, a sentiment unimpeachable. After which she nibbled melon seeds.

There were also ladies who sang. They sang popular songs, accompanied and nearly out not quite overwhelmed by musical instruments. One of them sang the lament of a faithful widow, left in a palatial home with one-piece small baby, but what (she asked) to her was all this luxury and splendour, with her lord wandering in the realm of spirits, to return and comfort her nevermore? It was very pathetic.

In an interval there were speeches, by eloquent orators who maintained that the output of the Nanyang Cigarette Factory really needed no recommendation, but as it was at the present time obviously a purely Chinese product, why, there you were. The appeal of its A1 quality was supported by patriotic considerations. That sort of thing. Loud applause. (The cigarettes really were quite good.)

There were no formal toasts, but only an atmosphere of courtesy and compliment and *bonhomie*. Old men, venerable, sedate, mingled their voices with the eager tones of graduates from American universities.

The China problem was practically settled. Let them choose successful merchants for their legislators and administrators, and there you are. A successful merchant must be, *ipso facto*, a man of savvy. Moreover, he does not need to "squeeze." All this as table talk, with very flattering opinions of the justice of British rule, and shrewd comparisons that we need not mention.

A very pleasant function, and an appreciated addition to our memory assets.

A few of the delegates returned to Canton last night, and some by this morning's train. The remainder go by the steamer *Faishan* to-night. The report they have drawn up of their investigation, which was very thorough, shows that there is no Japanese capital in the company. The shareholders, with their holdings, are as follows:—

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Kan Hung Chiu	38,112
Kan Yuk Kai	11,488
Kan Man Hin	5,000
Kan Ying Poi	3,811
Kan Kam Tsuen	3,811
Kan Yan Cho	3,111
Kan Shet Hing	1,000
Kan Ching Man	1,000

There are no Japanese goods used. The company makes its own tins, and all its printing is divided amongst three firms, the Commercial Press of Shanghai, the Chung Wah Printing Co. of Shanghai, and the Tung Ah Printing Company of Canton. Interviewed by the *China Mail*, several of the departing delegates said they were perfectly satisfied that the Nanyang Tobacco Factory is in all its details thoroughly Chinese.

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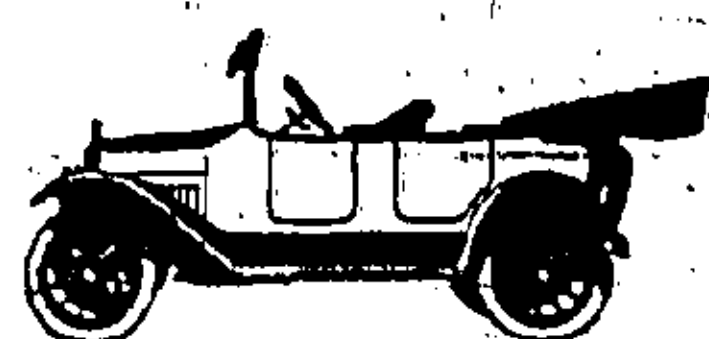
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Det. Sgt. Jarvis stated that at the prisoner's house he found about 2,000 letters, which Douch admitted having stolen in course of transmission. Sentence of nine months' hard labour was passed.

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In a matrimonial case heard recently it was stated that the husband, William Joseph Dayrell-Steyning, a timber merchant, joined the R.A.F. when the war broke out, and had refused to return to his wife. He had offered to make provision for her of £1,000 a year.

The wife, who denied that she made her husband's life miserable by nagging him when they lived together, was granted an order for the restitution of conjugal rights.

WAR LEAVES ONE OUT OF FAMILY OF TEN.

There is no more tragic story of the war than one which came to light at Woking on April 11, when Private Thomas William Smith, a boy soldier, was discharged from the Army as permanently unfit for further service.

This lad, who is only 18 years of age, has had the experience of losing his father, brother, four brothers, and three sisters, all at the hands of the enemy.

Smith, whose family lived at Croydon, was a boy of 13 years and 11 months when he enlisted, and saw three years' service in France, serving in turn with the East Surrey, 10th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, Royal Engineers, and, lastly, the 58th Labour Company.

By a tragic coincidence his father and four brothers were all killed on the same day—July 15, 1916—with the first advance at the Battle of the Somme. They were all in the 7th Queen's R.W.S. Regiment, the father being Private Frank Smith, and the sons Privates Frank, Will, Jack and George Smith; the eldest of the boys was only 22.

Private Smith's mother and three sisters were killed in air raids; and an extraordinary fact is that the deaths occurred in three different raids, viz.:

One sister killed at Addiscombe in 1915.

Two sisters killed in the East-end of London in 1916.

The mother killed in the East-end in 1917.

Private Smith would have liked to continue soldiering had his health permitted. He has gone to Croydon to reside with his aunt, and hopes before long to find suitable employment.

PRIEST'S INDIGNANT OUTBURST.

Upon an order being made at Chancery County Court recently against a tenant to give up possession of a house in a month, a priest entered the box. He had, he said, been a sub-tenant there for six years. He ought not to be turned into the street by people who had played lanky-punkie tricks with his landlady.

His Honour: I am afraid I cannot hear you further. You are not a party to these proceedings.

The Priest (in excited tones): I protest against the inhumanity and barbarity of turning this poor lady into the street and of turning a poor priest into the street. They will have the curse of God upon them.

THE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGLISH.

Miss Frances James, a schoolmistress, brought an action in the West London County Court to recover £22. The defendant, "Miss Maud Massey, who carries on a school at West Kensington under the title of "The Maud Gibson Academy," did not appear.

Plaintiff's counsel said that his client was engaged at the Academy as a teacher of English in the early part of last year, and was dismissed without the usual term's notice.

His Honour: Was there any reason?

Counsel: None, except that the defendant gave up lessons in English and substituted a class for dancing.

His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

COOK AS STAFF OFFICER.

The Cambridge college under-cook who called forth special commendation from Sir Douglas Haig as having proved an efficient Staff officer is so modest that he does not desire his name to be published.

A junior cook in the kitchen of one of the oldest colleges in the University, he was in the Cambridge-shire Territorials when they were mobilised in 1914, and went to France as a private in the 1st Battalion. He saw much hard fighting in the Somme campaign, and in 1916 he was selected for a commission.

After a short training he was gazetted a subaltern in the Lincoln-shire, where he secured the Military Cross.

He had now risen to captain, and he was put on staff duties with the Brigade Staff of the 10th Scottish Division.

He is at present in France, but before leaving he gave the strictest injunctions to his relatives that it was entirely contrary to his wish that his name should be made public.

SOLDIER'S CRUEL IMPOSTURE.

An absentee from the 3rd Battalion, Northants Regiment, named George Ludbrooke Evans, who imposed on the public of North Yorkshire by assuming the name Cyril William Carrell and by stating that he was the brother of Nurse Carrell, was at the North Riding Quarter Sessions, Northallerton, sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

SON SUES FATHER.

An interesting point about voluntary allotments by soldiers out of their pay was decided by Judge James in Trowbridge county court.

A soldier of the Wiltshire Regiment who was a prisoner in German hands made an allotment to his father, who, it was said, promised to save it for his return.

When the son returned, the father refused to part with the money, and the son sued him for £14.

The judge held that the father was not a dependent, and that the money did not make the allotment money his own, although he was entitled to receive it. The money still belonged to the soldier, and in pocketing the money instead of keeping it for his son, as promised, the man was guilty, said the judge, of a most dishonest transaction.

Judgment was given in favour of the plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs. This was a reversal of a previous judgment. His honour said he had granted a retrial because at the first hearing he thought the allotment was State money.

MISS MAUDE ROYDEN AND BISHOP.

There is evidently controversy in the Church over the "Three Hours' Service," which is to be conducted at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by Miss Maude Royden, assistant pastor at the City Temple.

Archdeacon Holmes has written to the Bishop of London asking whether the innovation has his sanction, and the Bishop has replied:

I have neither been asked for sanction nor granted it. The Rector knows that he is disobeying my express wishes.

I have been very anxious to keep this diocese in line with the Church at large on this question, of the ministrations of women in Church, which was debated at length at the last meeting of the Upper House of Convocation. The joint committee of both Houses, appointed at my motion, reports the first week in July, and immediately afterwards I shall issue the regulations for the diocese.

It seems a pity that people cannot have patience to wait for the decision of the Church to which they belong. I may add that in any case leave will only be given to proceed and attended Churchwomen.

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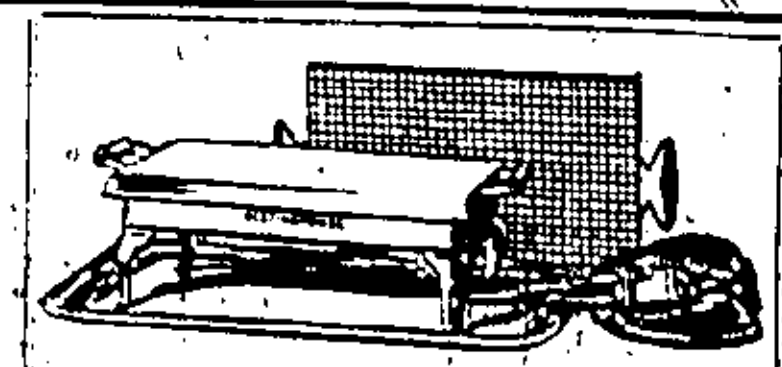
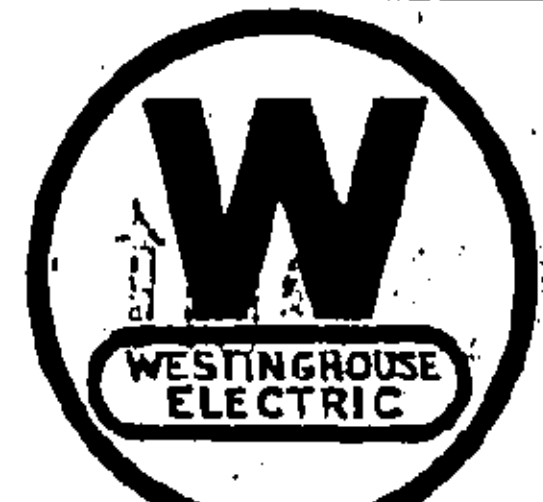
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has finished with it," said some-
body.

"What for?"

"Oh, part of a scheme for conduct-
ing tourists round the war zone, I
suppose. Believe they're also re-
engaging old M.T. drivers to run
folk round the various areas."

"And I saw an advertisement in
the Times the other day," remarked
a third, "of some Johnny offering to
sell land on the Menin road as a site
for an hotel. Nice, cheerful place for
a honeymoon that 'ud be, wouldn't
it?"

"Why worry about an hotel?
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down in. More like the real thing,
too."

"Not for me," said the first
speaker. "J'en ai soupe. It's bad
enough to dream about the Menin
road. Is there any more Scotch in
that bottle, Protector of the Faith-
ful?"

The conversation lapsed. The seed,
however, had fallen upon good ground.

My whole progress from London
had been a vague and deepening mys-
tery as far as I was concerned. I
had found myself directed to this
place, pushed into that, and in the
end had resigned myself to following,
meekly and without question, the rest
of the crowd. Adopting this prin-
ciple on disembarking, I had ulti-
mately found myself, not at the
Customs office as I had expected,
but dealing, through a hole in a
small wooden hut, with a
most indubitable R.T.O. It was
all very odd. And odder still
when he informed me that I must
report at the station at five o'clock
for the train for Etaples, for my own
intention had been ten days in Paris
and I should have performed the
express.

I will not worry you with the
details of the journey. My cattle
truck was not more uncomfortable
than most; and at times I am
certain we achieved a speed of twelve
miles per hour. At Etaples I was
consigned to St. Pol. At St. Pol my
papers were examined, and after a
five hours' wait I was dispatched to
Hazebrouck. Hazebrouck informed
me that I should have been
elsewhere, and bumbled me south
for the Somme. At the end of
four days' travelling I found
myself reporting to an amiable en-
ough official in a dug-out situated, as
far as I could determine (for I had
been guided on foot through dark-
ness and a downpour of rain over
the last seven kilometres), several
miles beyond Fremicourt. My papers
were examined once more, and I was
addressed by a name that was not
familiar to me. Curious as had been
my recent adventures, it seemed to
me as well, if they were to be con-
tinued, that I should meet them under
my own name and proper identity.
I therefore ventured to correct my
interrogator.

"But who are you?" he demanded
with some surprise.

I explained that I was a simple
tourist, travelling for pleasure, and I
had hoped, in the direction of Paris.

"Ah, there has been a mistake at
Folkestone," he said, not unkindly.
"You have somehow been given the
papers belonging by rights to a sub-
scriber to one of our celebrated
"The War As It Was" tours on the
western front."

As his manner was sympathetic I
took it upon myself to ask for further
particulars.

"But surely you have heard of our
firm," he said, incredulously, "the
newest, the biggest, and the most
enterprising of war-tourist agencies?
Surely you know that immediately
peace had been signed, by arrange-
ment with the British and French

Governments we took over the entire
British front in France as a going
concern?"

I admitted my ignorance.
"Most remarkable!" he murmured.
"However, that's what we did take
over everything, right from the
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apron fence. We tried hard to
get the retention, for our use, of
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one day out of seven is spent on
bully beef and biscuits. And our
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piece of realism. In fact," he added
proudly, "and giving a casual glance
to a large rat that was combing its
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"And do they really appreciate
your efforts?" I inquired.

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simple phrases like "Madame,
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pal is beaucoup zig-zag 'te swar,"
or "Oofs and chips, mamezelle
—combining?" Occasionally of
course, a client fails to enter into the
spirit of the thing and complains of
what he considers excessive hardship.

But a few days' E.P. No. 1 usually
works wonders with such people.
And, of course, as we have sole
charge of the British front, if you
want to see it at all you must see it
our way. "Though I fancy," he
added with a frown, "that there are
a certain number of trespassers who
have footed it up the L. of C. and
spent their time lorry-hopping from
place to place behind the
line and living on eggs
and chips at the estaminets. I
must get this—" His words were
lost on me. I was listening with
horror to a deepening scream. A
second later it collapsed in a huge
"crump." I should say well within
500 yards of our shelter.

"But, heavens above," I protested,
"you don't!"

"Oh yes, of course we do. Every
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I never got my next inquiry framed.
The whole line had broken out in a
barage of heavy stuff—the skyline
danced and flickered in front, and just
behind us I saw an S.O.S. burst into
the darkness. Simultaneously there
was a scream that deepened—and
did not pass over. With a roar beyond
all description the entrance of the
dug-out dissolved into blinding flame
—and I sat up, in daylight and in bed,
just in time to see my batman picking
up the tin washing-bowl he had
dropped.

As a matter of fact I had begun to
recognize the thing as a nightmare
even before I was roused. But I
wonder if there would really be any
money in the idea?

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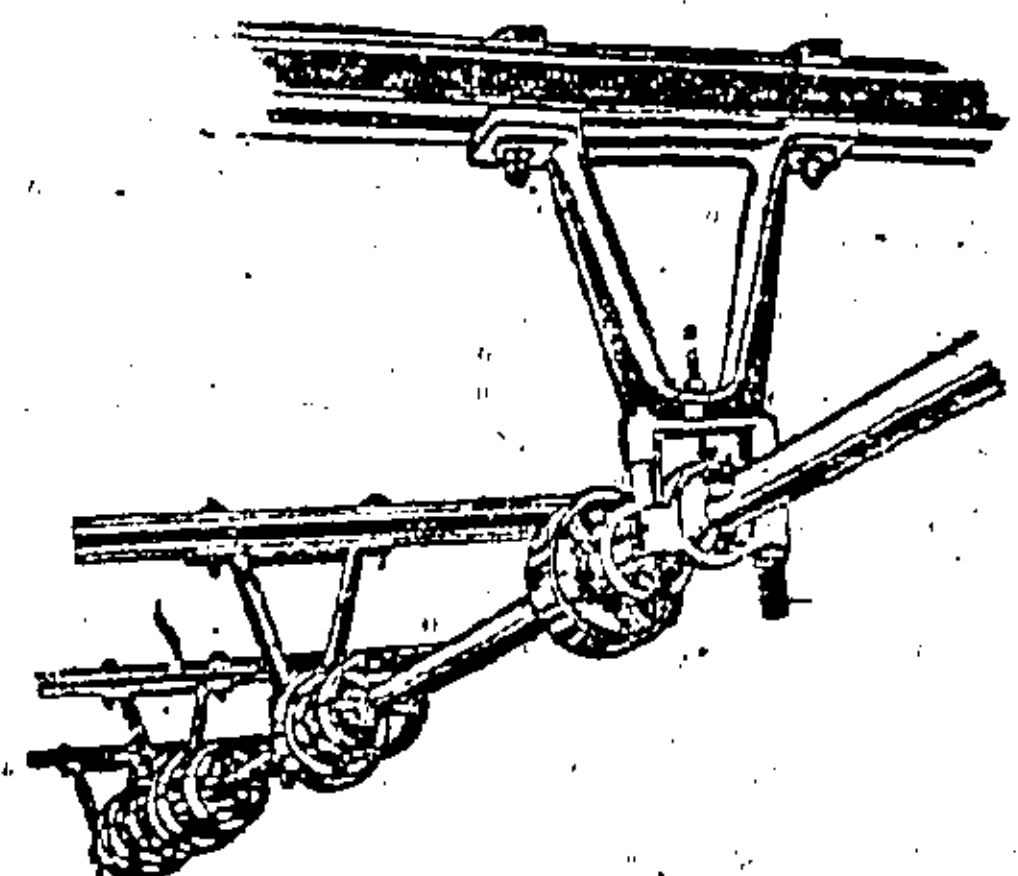
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1919.

CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

Isn't China a simply marvellous country? It is like unto one of those rare men you meet only in story books, who starve in deserts, overeat in hotels, are tortured by savages, pour quarts of rye whiskey down their necks, and after conduct that would kill a merely human man, turn out and break some athletic record. We have been reading the Customs Report on the Foreign Trade of China, and that is one impression we derive. Only think of these handicaps in 1918. There were (1) decreased tonnage, (2) high freight rates (3) almost prohibitive prices (4) restrictions by belligerent governments (5) extinction of Russian credit by Bolshevism (affecting China's largest tea market) (6) border trade between Manchuria and Siberia stopped a while (7) China's own civil war (8) extensive brigandage, which sometimes stopped railway traffic (9) epidemic of pneumonic plague and (10) withdrawal of labour forces by militarism.

In spite of all that, the value of the direct foreign trade of China for 1918 was the highest on record, the total being HK. \$1,040,776,113, an increase of HK. \$28,325,709 over that for 1917.

The seasons were propitious, the crops abundant, and there was an unusually high degree of prosperity and well-being. This could happen only in China, among the industrious and practical Chinese. Poets must have their fancies, but we need not take them too seriously. That one who described the Chinese as watching the thundering cohorts pass, only to plunge in thought again, was hopelessly wrong. They must have plunged into work again, which is far better, and into "business as usual." It is perhaps only to be expected of a people so full of commonsense ballast that they have always absorbed their conquerors and succeeded by defeat; but to our European notions it has a marvellous look. The universal advance in prices may explain the high figures; the miracle is that there were any figures at all. The official report says the result "serves as striking evidence of the vigour and elasticity of China's trade." Elasticity is the *mot juste*. As an earnest of the development that may be looked for with the return of peace and normal conditions the record is also worth special notice. Drought cannot kill, nor storms break down, the old "Pagoda

tree." In its grateful shade Hongkong may still sit hopefully.

Reducing the figures to sterling at the average rates of exchange for the respective years—4s 3-16d for 1917 and 5s 3-7-16d for 1918—they still show an increase for 1918 of £56,527,700. The tonnage entered and cleared was 6,659,343 less than in 1917, British shipping suffering most.

MORALS.

It is difficult to write without impatience of some people who show their anxiety concerning the morals of others in certain ways that experience has shown to be futile. The magistrate who tries to prevent the public from listening to the libelous details of a *crime cassinelle*, them from reading certain books, all of that "hush" order of men, have never in this world increased the sum of innocence, or diminished by one jot the occurrence of vice. Ignorance is not innocence, and the "hush" attitude is a political fig-leaf, which merely advertises what it pretends to conceal. It increases unclean thinking, which intensifies the tendency to abnormal appetites. All men who know the so-called lower or inferior races know where to look for real decency, as opposed to the mock-modest indecency of civilization. Where a spade is called a spade, and not a something We Had Better Not Mention, the people's minds are not all the while dwelling on spades. It is probably not too much to claim that while the thwarting of natural instincts leads to some vice and crime, the thwarting of legitimate curiosities has led to far more. The morals of "barbarism" may not suit the notions of prejudiced persons, but in the Divine Eye the morals of "civilization" must be rotten. Why? Is it because we are worse by nature than the islanders or the bush-dwellers? No. It is because of the "hushers." Clear the Court, and so cause 'em to imagine ten times where they might listen once and forget. The *China Mail*, except for the sake of the Law, which may be suspected of discrimination in certain cases, doesn't mind much whether its reporters are allowed to stay in Court or not; but it does think it a mistake to drive out the public.

REUTER IN WEE FREE VERSE.

The "U. P.'s"
And "Wee Frees"
Had a "prolonged debate"
Which was hot
And probably not
Free from the ancient hate,
The message is vague
As to just what was done
But we know there is nothing
New under the sun.

THE BOYCOTT.

The Hongkong Government cannot adopt towards the spreading Chinese boycott the attitude of benevolent neutrality of (say) the Shanghai Municipal Council, so far as manifestations in its own territory are concerned. Hongkong is a Crown Colony, closely linked to the Imperial Government which is in Alliance with the Government of Japan. It must be regarded in any actions it may take as actuated by State policy rather than by local sympathy. That there is considerable local sympathy cannot be doubted, and no doubt in some quarters the thought that a check to the increasing Japanese trade would be no bad thing for business. That's how the world wars. But the Government is obliged to frown upon open organizations of demonstrations. There is no law to prevent a Chinese gentleman from wearing a legend on his hat that it was made in China, and no law to prevent every Chinese in the Colony from doing so at the same time, but they mustn't walk in processions or assemble in groups. That is how we understand the position at present.

CRITICISM.

Some of our critics, "Royalist" for example, remind us of a grumbler at a boarding house where we used to feed in the Australian back-blocks. Thereafter we were used to no so polite as we are used to in Europe, but we learned to admire them in spite of that. We can sympathise with the grumbler, too, but he really ought to be more careful. He said, "Look here, waiter. There's a stain in the butter." The waiter looked. "Cobber," he said, "barring that the fly's a moth, and the butter's margarine, you've got it nearly right." The *China Mail* has no flies on it, really. They're only moths. But keep on writing to us. It all helps.

LOOSE THINKING.

Among new poetry, the following clever verse by Thomas Thornely catches our eye. After describing how Nature "churned quiescent ether up," the poet proceeds:

Strange forms of life came bubbling up, with eager, wondering eyes,
Each with its little aptitudes, its faint antipathies.
She sorted them and sifted them, in ocean earth, and air,
And she filled the nooks and crannies with the stuff she had to spare,
And the conscientious entity that did not care to fight
Had to vanish from existence or become a parasite.

This involves the common error that the only fighting is muscular. The parasite is a fighter, and a successful one. The brain is not a muscle. Cunning may survive where strength loses. Wisdom may yet win victories where arms have suffered defeat.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Out of the total staff of the Chartered Bank, 199 men actually served during the war. Of these 92 received commissions; to 18 were awarded various honours in the Navy and Army, and 36 brave men gave up their lives for their country.

Several million sand bags are being offered by the War Office direct to public bodies, societies and others in bales of 2,000, at 3s 6d a dozen. To allotment societies the bags, states the official circular, "are particularly suitable for carrying small quantities of vegetables."

Mr. Alma Baker, says the *Times of Malaya*, considers that the future of tin is all right. The heart of Europe has to be rebuilt and for that and other things large quantities of tin will be required. It appears to him as if large stocks of tin are being held up here and at home. [It can be hoped, for Mr. Baker's sake the last sentence is his interviewer's and not his own, for anything more painfully inane has not been seen for a long time, remarks the *Singapore Free Press*. Mr. Baker's interviewer may rest assured that appearances are not deceptive, and that large stocks of tin are being held up by the responsible authorities, and probably they control 20,000 tons more or less.]

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral Singapore on May 28, the contracting parties being Mr. William Whitford, son of Mr. Thomas Fenton Whitford of Adelaide, Australia, and Miss Gwendolen Tobin, daughter of Dr. Jones, J. P. and Mrs. Tobin of Carnarvon, North Wales. The service was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Swindell and was fully choral. The bride, was given away by Mr. William McBride. Mr. R. H. Gale capably carried out the duties of best man. A reception was afterwards held at Frogmore. Nathan read the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McBride, where the newly married couple were heartily congratulated by many of their friends. The honeymoon is to be spent on the Penang Hill.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 6 11/16d.

To-day's return shows 16 cases of plague, one of enteric, and one of puerperal fever.

The U.S.S. *Helena* is going to Canton where she will be stationed for some weeks.

Mr. H. W. Mills, ship's engineer on the recently sold s.s. *Massang* has been transferred to the s.s. *Kwong Sang*.

Mr. R. E. Bellios and Mr. R. E. Gubbay are at present in North China. From Shanghai they have been making a trip to the cities of North China.

Mr. C. W. Ballantyne, of the Penang Harbour Board, has returned from leave at home via Singapore accompanied by Mrs. Ballantyne.

Mr. W. D. Brown, on transfer from the Kuala Lumpur branch, has arrived in Bangkok for the Chartered Bank. Mr. A. A. Ritchie is going on leave.

The twelve year old son of Mr. W. A. Robinson of the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s oil tanks, died in the Nursing Home at Bangkok on May 21 from cholera.

Sir George Frampton, R.A., the sculptor, anticipates that the monument to Nurse Cavell will be ready for fixing in position in three months on its site in St. Martin's place, opposite the National Portrait Gallery.

The war ribbon is to be orange with white, black, and blue stripes on either side, but the claim for its protection as an original design under the Patents Acts is probably invalid, for it reads like a reproduction of Joseph's coat of many colours.

The Laura Guerite Revue Company, now on tour through the East from South Africa will shortly be playing in the Colony. They are this week in Tientsin. They will be preceded by the Banyard Company who in their recent visit established a record for profits.

Mrs. Duncan Whyte and daughter of the English Presbyterian Mission in Swatow have left for home. Dr. Duncan Whyte, whose hard work in connection with the Swatow earthquake last year is ever remembered by all the Chinese in that district has remained behind.

The total value of imports in the F.M.S. during the first quarter of 1919 was £24,350,377, as compared with a total value of £18,207,880 in the first quarter of 1918, an increase of £6,153,096. The corresponding figures for exports are £65,532,407, £63,345,444 and £2,186,963 (M.M.)

Captain J. M. Daly goes on leave to-day says the *Singapore Free Press* of May 29, and may be absent for ten months, as his contemplated "rest" tour includes Hongkong, Japan, Honolulu, the Panama Canal, Jamaica and possibly other places in the West Indies. His friends will wish him a very pleasant voyage, and although he looks the picture of health, much benefit from his trip.

Says a Singapore paper: Among the other Home goers who have stolen more or less silently away is Mr. V. J. Coleman, inspector of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co., who after booking three or four times across the Pacific, only to find his ship taken off, got away by a Japanese steamer to Marseilles being charged the moderate (?) fare of \$600 to Marseilles.

The officers of the 18. Infantry who left here for the North a few weeks ago seem to be creating good impressions in the athletic world in Tientsin. Lieuts Wingfield and Modgett are playing in the Tientsin Cricket Team and the latter put up a very fine score recently in a match there between the Eastern Born v the Western Born. Lieut Libby who was stationed here, not long ago is also in Tientsin with the 18 Infantry.

Two Chinese of Port Swettenham were charged by Inspector Donovan with importing a quantity of matches into the State of Selangor. The accused were alleged to have imported seven cases, each of 42 tins, without paying Customs Duty, as required. Both were convicted, and each fined \$2,520, being three times the value of the matches, plus the duty on same, the alternative being six months' rigorous imprisonment each. (M.M.)

One of the well-known London weeklies recently gave to its readers a recipe for what it called "a drink for dancers." This drink it called a "Hongkong Cooler." The recipe read as follows:—Make a quart of tea (using Ceylon tea), and whilst hot add juice of six lemons, of six oranges, and a cup of sugar, when cold add a wine glass of sherry, a wine glass of brandy, and just before serving, drop in a good large piece of ice with a dozen white grapes, seeded. A gill of pineapple juice, fresh or from the can, is a great improvement.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Is the freedom that we fought for an unremembered tune?

Weeks and Co. of Shanghai paid a five per cent dividend and carried forward \$22,332.

The *Unten Maru* brought 1430 tons of coal to Hongkong this morning from Iriomote.

The *Mausang, Chenan, Tjipanas, Shansi, Chojun Maru, Calcutia Maru, and Unten Maru*, are late shipping arrivals.

Even the pawnbrokers in Canton are reported to refuse Japanese goods. Other robbers are expected to follow.

The President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce accuses it of lukewarmness in connection with the boycott movement.

The *Calcutia Maru* from Calcutta, arrived yesterday afternoon with 1376 tons of cargo for Hongkong and 5501 tons for elsewhere.

The B. and S. steamer *Chenan* came into port from Shanghai this morning. She had 1200 tons of cargo and 144 packages of mail.

The Naval Yard Police have been granted a long over-due increase of pay. The increase is 10 per cent. with retrospective effect to January 1, 1918.

The Canton Municipality has extended the time for receiving offers to instal the tram system. Contractors and concessionaires now have till June 11.

A first draft of £33, being the surplus from the sale of work has been sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. No. 115 is the winning number in the Raffle for the Peacock cushions in Chinese embroidery.

The D. K. K. steamer (M. B. K. Local agents) *Chojun Maru*, came into port at 7 a.m. to-day. She brought 2690 tons of cargo for Hongkong, consisting of ground nuts, vermicelli, peanuts, oil and beans.

The Japanese Consul at Canton has furnished the police there with a list of Japanese merchants and demanded protection for them against lawless people. The Commissioner of Police is said to be doing his best.

That up-to-date Cafe, Wiseman's, are advertising their catering for lunch parties by means of what looks like a Hongkong and Shanghai Bank cheque, sent to customers with their bills. They wisely advise people not to present the "cheque" at any Bank.

Booking is now open at Moutrie's for the great propaganda film "My Four Years in Germany," to be screened on Saturday and Monday at the Theatre Royal. This film has broken all records everywhere it has been shown. There is no reason to think that Hongkong will be different to other places. Book now to avoid disappointment.

The funeral of Mrs. S. F. Brereton Martin, who passed away in Penang General Hospital on May 24, took place on May 26 at the Western Road Cemetery. There was a large attendance of members of the local Bar and of the European community. The Rev. Mr. Dowding, who is acting for the Rev. Keppel Garnier, conducted the services.

Americans in Canton hope to arrange a fitting celebration of the Glorious Fourth. They have already appointed the following committee: Rev. W. D. Noyes, Rev. Weeks, Mr. J. W. Mayhew, Mr. Woodall, Dr. Jenks, Rev. C. A. Funk, Mr. J. T. William, Lieut. Forsberg of American gunboat *Pampanga*, Captain Hardy of American gunboat *Helena* and Mr. Augur.

In a transport with Australian troops which left Liverpool on March 28, the O.C. addressed the troops next day:—"When we left England," he said, "great happenings were imminent. Peace negotiations were nearing conclusion; it was in doubt whether big strikes in England might be averted, and rebellion was spreading like a fire over Europe. You are naturally anxious to have the news, and you will be able to get it, because we are already receiving wireless messages." A Voice: "What won the Grand National?"

This description of a lecture on anti-gas precautions at a base camp includes a perfect portrait of the audience:—"On the turf in the centre of the stage are some two hundred members of the well-known British family, Atkins. The matter in hand being merely that of life and death, those in the rear ranks are whiling away the time by playing crown and anchor. Their less fortunate comrades are 'havin' a bit of shut-eye'—in other words are fast asleep sitting up, propped the one against the other. The description has, as the French would say, the severe beauty of the true.

MARINE COURT.

(BEFORE CAPTAIN BASIL TAYLOR, R.N.)

NO LIGHTS.

Four boatmen and one woman were charged with failing to carry the regulation lights on the night of June 4. Lance Sgt. Joy gave evidence in support of the charge. Four of the alleged culprits said they had lights while the other said it was not dark enough. Capt. Taylor took from all five Mexican dollars five.

ANCHORING CASES.

Captain Taylor doubled the penalties in these cases, there being four women to one man charged with anchoring in the Southern Fairway. Once more Lieut. Joy proved the offences. All gave excuses, a flat rate of \$10 being extracted from each defendant.

BOARDING THE "TIKINI."

Leung Muk Kan, sampan boy was charged by Van Wan Der Mast, 4th officer of the *Tikini* with boarding the ship without permission. The 4th officer gave evidence that the boy was found trying to enter the mate's cabin at 3.30 this morning. The boy said his mother's sampan was engaged by one of the crew to go on board and as he did not pay followed him and was arrested. The boy's mother corroborated.

EUROPEAN CHARGED.

Robert Smith, pumpman of the Admiralty oil steamer *War Sepoy*, was charged by the ship's master, Frederick Harrison, with being absent from his ship on June 2 and 3.

Captain Harrison giving evidence said defendant came to him on the morning of June 2 and asked to go ashore. His reasons were found to be only an excuse so he refused permission. Defendant went ashore about 9 a.m. and returned early on June 4. An entry was made in the log and when shown this, defendant refused to do duty. Defendant was asked what he had to say and he said "nothing to say." Captain Taylor fined defendant six days pay.

GARRISON TENNIS LEAGUE.

88 CO. R.G.A. "A" TEAM v. 87 CO. R.G.A.

No. 88 Co. won this match at Happy Valley yesterday by the large margin of 41 games. Scores:—

C. S. M. Pragnell and Sergt. Armatys, 88 Co., beat Sergt. Clarke and Sergt. Chapman, 7-2, beat Bowerman and Gr. Ashworth, 6-3, beat Sergt. Wedlake and Gr. Samuels, 7-2.

C. Q. M. S. Talfourd and Sergt. Davies, 88 Co., beat Clarke and Chapman, 6-3, beat Bowerman and Ashworth, 7-2, beat Wedlake and Samuels, 7-2.

Cpl. Rollett and Br. Amy, beat Clarke and Chapman, 7-2, beat Bowerman and Ashworth, 8-1, beat Wedlake and Samuels, 7-2.

Totals:—88 Co. R.G.A. "A" team 61 games. 87 Co. R.G.A. 20 games.

SMUGGLING ARMS.

A REDUCTION OF FINE.

Mr. D. J. Lewis made an application before Magistrate Lindsell this morning for the reconsideration of a case formerly decided by the Magistrate against a Chinese seaman for smuggling 200 rounds of ammunition and a revolver into the Colony. The man was fined \$500.

In asking for a reduction of the fine, Mr. Lewis informed his Worship that accused had served as a Chinese seaman in London, where he was honourably discharged. The Police regarded the importation of arms as a serious offence, as the arms were likely to get into the hands of bad characters, but accused did not belong to this class. He was simply returning home to enjoy the fruits of his hard-earned labours.

The fine was reduced to \$300.

TWO IDLE SONS.

What is he doing for a living? asked Mr. Lindsell of a Chinese, summoned into the witness-box to testify to the character of his brother who was charged with stealing \$22 in notes from a compatriot.

Defendant: He is doing nothing at present.
How does he live then? Are you working?
I also am out of employment. My mother supports us both. His Worship: You are a miserable pair of brothers; you should look after your mother and not let her support you.
To defendant: You are convicted. Three months.

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

A Chinese arrested on board the *Kwong Tung* on Wednesday evening with 17½ taels of raw opium was fined \$150 by Mr. R. O. Hutchison this morning.

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

TWO MORE ARRESTS.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this afternoon hearing was resumed in the case in which nine Chinese scholars, and a school-master were charged with organizing an Anti-Japanese procession in Queen's Road, on Tuesday.

Since the last appearance two juvenile demonstrators were arrested in Gage Street, and produced before Mr. R. E. Lindsell together with the others. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for defendants, and the case proceeded.

LOCAL STEAMER AGROUND.

The well-known river steamer *Wing On*, Chee On & Co. Agents, is reported to be aground. The *Wing On* left Hongkong on June 2 for Canton. From there she departed for Yuet-shing, conveying a party intent on chiao-jossing at the latter place. When near Samshui the ship ran aground. Our latest information is that the *Chung On* was rendering the *Wing On* assistance to refloat. This is very unfortunate for Captain Lane, who is doing his first trip on the *Wing On*.

AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

MISS PHYLLIS FAYE.

A young Australian lady, Miss Phyllis Faye a well-known pantomime artiste, is in the Colony and appears at the Victoria Theatre to-night.

Miss Faye has just concluded a successful season at the Lyric Theatre, Manila. It is her intention to tour the world, and especially to visit ancient China. After that the United States comes on the programme. Miss Faye says she is captivated with Manila and Hongkong. Her object in leaving sunny Australia was to gain practical experience of conditions in other countries. She has been appearing in vaudeville, pantomime, and musical comedy "down under."

Miss Faye says she intends to capture the Hongkong theatre-going public with her catchy songs and up-to-date dances.

A HARBOUR FATALITY.

The coxswain of the steam-launch *Chi On* has made a report to the Police to the effect that whilst the launch was on the way to Hongkong from Yau-mat, the other day, a Chinese passenger fell overboard quite accidentally, and was never found again.

The accident occurred when the launch was near the Naval Yard. Whistles were blown for assistance and the police and other launches searched the vicinity, but without result.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR.

A Chinese clothed in rags, and badly in need of a hair cut, appeared before Magistrate Hutchison on a charge of begging in Queen's Road. He informed the Magistrate that he had no home and was a poor mendicant. He was blessed with a fine of \$3.

MURDER ON HIGH SEAS.

The Chinese coolie of the Labour Corps who arrived here with a contingent of repatriated Labour Corps coolies on board the Blue Funnel board *Tallyhien*, and was charged with the murder of a compatriot en route has been committed to the next sessions.

At the military amateur pantomime, a certain gay young subaltern had brought the house down by working into the part of Widow Twankey all the odd mannerisms of his colonel. Next day the matter came to the ears of the "old man," and the sub. was summoned to his presence for explanations. "Now sir," snapped the colonel. "I hear you had the confounded impudence to mimic me at the theatre last night while I was away. What have you to say for yourself?" "I am very sorry, sir, very sorry, indeed," replied the culprit. "I can only tender my respectful apologies for having acted the fool!"

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at noon today.

There were present:—
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. CLAUDE SEYMOUR, C.M.G., and
H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General F. VINTERS.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. M. FLEMING.
The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. C. McL. MESSER, O.B.E.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney-General, Mr. H. E. FOLLOWS, K.C.
The Hon. the Director of Public Works, Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.

The Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. E. R. HALLIDAY, O.B.E.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE.
The Hon. Mr. S. H. DODWELL.
The Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK.
The Hon. Mr. HO FOK.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E.
Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PARR took his seat and assumed his seat as an unofficial member.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary proposed that Financial Minutes Nos. 1 to 40 be referred to the Finance Committee. The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency said:—I should like to say a few words with regard to Financial Minute No. 39.

In December last the Secretary for Chinese Affairs brought to my notice the Financial position of the Chinese Charities particularly the Kwong Wa Hospital. As you are aware there are four principal local Chinese Charities receiving assistance from the Government, viz., the Tung Wa Hospital, the Kwong Wa Hospital, the Chinese Public Dispensaries, and the Po Leung Kuk. The assistance given by the Government is a very small portion of the total expenditure incurred.

I will take the Tung Wa Hospital first. This Hospital expends approximately \$100,000 annually. Since it was established in 1870 it has gained the confidence of the Community and the scope of its work has grown far beyond that of the original Hospital Scheme, the Committee at present having to undertake a very wide range of duties including Food Relief in China, the care and repatriation of destitute returning emigrants and the burial of destitute dead. All these expenses except the annual Government Grant of \$8,000 are met by voluntary contributions, or endowments representing savings on such contributions. The services rendered by the Tung Wa Hospital Committee are of great value to this Government.

The Kwong Wa Hospital to which the Government contributes \$8,500 a year, an offshoot of the Tung Wa Hospital, was opened in Yau-mai in 1911. It was hoped that this Hospital would, with the development of Kowloon, become self-supporting, but the population of the Peninsula has remained so far of the poorer classes and the Hospital, whose expenses amount to about \$32,000 a year, has an income of only about \$16,500, the deficit being borrowed from the Tung Wa Hospital and made good as opportunity occurs by special appeals in the richer districts outside Kowloon. The popularity of this Hospital is growing and there seems little likelihood of the income from the peninsula meeting the expenditure in the near future.

The Chinese Public Dispensaries, instituted in 1905 with the special object of familiarising the people with Western methods and gaining the confidence of women and children, receive an annual grant from the Government of \$2,000. Much valuable work has been done by these dispensaries and the whole cost amounting to \$40,000, with the exception of the grant from the Government, has been met by voluntary subscription.

The Po Leung Kuk to which the Government makes no contribution has an annual expenditure of about \$9,000.

Owing to the Government having taken over control of the Ferry between Hongkong and Yau-mai a grant of \$5,000 per annum which was made by the old Ferry Company to the Kwong Wa Hospital has, of course, been discontinued and the Government has gained accordingly. At the same time certain dues connected with the piers which were paid to the Chinese Public Dispensaries went with the ferry rights, and have been lost to that Charity. Further a site long used as a market at Sham Shui Po, all the revenue of which was paid to the local public dispensary, has been taken over by the Government with a resultant loss of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to the Chinese Public Dispensaries Fund. In these circumstances it would seem reasonable that this Government should grant some extra assistance to the Chinese Charities and I proposed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies who has approved subject to the decision of the Legislative Council that an independent grant of \$25,000 annually should be made. This money would not be specifically earmarked for particular charities, but would be put in the hands of a select Committee of Chinese with the widest experience of the various Committees. It is proposed that the Committee should consist of the two

Chinese Members of the Legislative Council, the two Chinese Members of the Sanitary Board, and the annual heads of the Tung Wa Hospital and Po Leung Kuk, under the Chairmanship of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Such a central organization would undoubtedly have a beneficial influence in effecting economies by comparison, and possibly by a careful independent examination of books; such an examination in fact as could only be made by Chinese.

The Colonial Secretary then proposed that the report of the Finance Committee No. 4, the report of the Public Works Committee No. 2, the report on the Blue Book for 1918, the report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports for the year 1918 and the report of the Harbour Master and the finance returns for 1918 be laid on the table. The Colonial Treasurer seconded and they were unanimously passed.

The Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK asked the following questions of which notice had been given:—

QUESTIONS.

1. There being numerous complaints regarding the refusal of the Police Department to issue licences in many cases, will the Government state:—

(a) What was the longest number of licences issued that had ever been issued to date?

(b) In view of the fact that the refusal to issue such licences may operate hardly on many deserving poor people, and of the consideration that those who are unable to obtain such licences may go to swell the number of bad characters in this Colony, whether instructions will be given to the Captain Superintendent of Police not to withhold licences from applicants therefor, unless they are known to be bad characters?

2. In the case of boys arrested for hawking without a licence, will the Government have the law so amended as to empower the Magistrates to punish the parents or guardians instead of the boys themselves?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

ANSWERS.

1.—(a) The largest number issued in any one year was 11,324, in 1918. 8,468 licences have been issued to date in 1919, but a large number issued in 1918 are not yet due for renewal.

(b) It is not proposed at present to refuse to issue licences unless there is some good reason for doing so.

2.—The Government does not propose to amend the law in the manner suggested. The principle of vicarious responsibility in criminal law, unless a party is an accessory either before, or after the act, is not recognized in our legislation.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E., asked the following questions of which notice had been given:—

QUESTIONS.

1. When will the section of Coronation Road to the North of Life Street be completed so as to develop building sites and to provide through traffic with a direct route to the Taipo and Castle Peak Roads?

2. Will the Government construct a temporary road from a point on the Yau-mai-Kowloon City Road to the main gate of the Old Kowloon Walled City, so as to render the walled city and numerous houses to the west of it accessible by wheeled vehicles from Yau-mai?

3. Is it a fact that the new market at Samsui-po has no supply of fresh water?

4. Is it a fact that there are about 200 modern buildings (including a Public Dispensary, a temple and several factories) at New Samsui-po accommodating about 8,000 people, who have no fresh water supply except three direct sand-pipes?

5. Is it a fact that there are about 2,400 boat-builders at Cheung Sha Wan to the north west of Samsui-po, who have no fresh water supply except four shallow wells surrounded by rubbish heaps and manure piles?

6. Is it a fact that there is no fresh water service at Cheung Sha Wan or Samsui-po and that most of the buildings are inaccessible from the Fire Float?

7. Is it a fact that the Kowloon Reservoir has considerably more water in it this year than at the same period last year, and that the mains from the Reservoir run within easy distance and at a convenient level for supplying Samsui-po and Cheung Sha Wan?

8. When will an adequate supply of water (1) for domestic use, (2) for fire service be provided for (a) New Samsui-po and (b) Cheung Sha Wan?

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

ANSWERS.

1. The completion of the section of Coronation Road referred to involves certain negotiations with the lessees of a large farm lot which obstructs the route of the road. It is not at present possible to say when arrangements admitting of the continuation of this portion of the road will be completed.

2. A path suitable for horse-drawn carts in the position suggested is desirable and the question of its construction will be considered.

3. The market is supplied with fresh water from a well, the water being pumped into a tank.

4. There are approximately 200 buildings. The number of the occupants is not known. There are ten stand-pipes on the new reclamation, and there are ten stand-pipes in old Samsui-po, within reasonable distance.

5. The boat-building establishments in the area between Sal Kok and Laichikok employ some 470 persons. In common with the large majority of inhabitants of the New Territories they get their water supply from wells. The allegations as to the number of wells and their location have not been investigated.

6. It is the case that there is no fresh water fire service. All the buildings can be reached by hose from the fire float. A new motor fire engine is due to arrive very shortly and it is proposed to use this in conjunction with the fire float in the case of fires at some distance from the sea. By this means a very effective water pressure can be obtained.

7. The reply to the question is in the affirmative. There is only one main.

8. In 1914 the reclamation and laying out of New Samsui-po were at their commencement, and it was not possible to make provision for a water supply. The place has recently developed with great rapidity and an adequate water service has for some time past been urgently required. An improved service for the Kowloon Peninsula is also a matter of pressing necessity. At present

the whole supply comes through one 12" main. During the war it has been impossible to get new material, but a new 18" main for the general service and the pipes and accessories for a complete Samsui-po service are on order. It is not known when they will be delivered. It is not proposed to provide a water service at Cheung Sha Wan until further progress has been made with the reclamation and laying out in this neighbourhood.

His Excellency then said he felt sure that the promotion of our late Governor to be a knight Grand Cross of the most Excellent Order of St. Michael and St. George has given general satisfaction in the Colony. That H.M. the King whom His Excellency has served so well, has chosen to confer that distinction to our late Governor, is, he felt sure, not only an honour to His Excellency but to this Colony as a whole that H. M. has seen fit to graciously recognise the services rendered by Sir Henry to the Crown. All he felt sure will agree that it is fitting that His Excellency should receive this distinction from His Majesty whom he has served so faithfully. His Excellency proposed that this Council on which our late Governor has served for so many years as Colonial Secretary and afterwards as governor, record its deep appreciation of the honour conferred. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK and carried unanimously.

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The dance furore is as violent in London now as anywhere. We are assured that everywhere, and that there are countless places where they dance afternoon and evening for at least six days in the week. At the smaller Queen's Hall, for instance, they can only keep the floor sufficiently clear of dancing by changing the music and sixpence (with tea) in the afternoon, and six-and-sixpence in the evening without refreshments. Certain American supper saloons have told us that the "jazz" is the latest dance, that it takes a lot of learning, but that everybody has to do it. Whatever the "jazz" may be in America, it appears that in England the word is confined to a description of the band, which sets out to make as much noise as it can, even to having real niggers to pound the drums. Cymbals and other metallic contrivances which may, by courtesy, be called percussion instruments add to the fury of sound, and to these loud and rhythmic, if not very melodious strains, people dance and dance. All kinds of frocks, gowns, and hats are changed to the jazz. Apparently they do the same thing in Berlin, but there, we are told, it is only because they are spending their money while they get the chance. Perhaps in Berlin they think that Lindbergh's dance for the same reason.

The excessive noise may seem rather like a reversion to the Central African stage of culture, where also dancing is in vogue—or used to be. But there is some nervous stimulus sought in a rhythmic din. The unprecedented masses of the recent battlefields were found to possess a certain exciting quality, and it is this, in a milder degree (if we must have scientific explanations) which explains the popularity of the jazz. But there seems to be some connection between war and dancing as well. After the French war of a century ago there was a fury of dancing in England. It was not only after Waterloo but before it as well. It was about this time that the waltz was introduced (let it be whispered) from Germany. Byron, who with his club foot could not dance, objected strongly to the waltz. Sarcastically he wrote,

O Germany! How much to thee we owe.
As heaven-born Pitt can testify below.

Erst came'st thou, confederation made thee France's,
And left us only thy damned debts and dances.

Who sent us—so be pardoned all our faults—
A dozen dukes, some kings, a queen, and Walck.

This was in 1813, and the reference to confederation, with France is interesting in view of the Kaiser's reproaches against England for forgetting how faithfully Germany had stood by her in the war against Napoleon. Byron could be proud when he liked. In the same satire he says,

Not decent David, when, before the ark,
His grand pna seal excited some returns.

Not soft Herodias, when, with winning tread,
Her nimble feet danced off another's head.

Not Cleopatra on her galleys deck,
Displayed so much of leg or more of neck!

What would he say nowadays? In an American paper the other day it was said in all seriousness that when the boys come back from the horrors of war they would be still more horrified by the amount of their sisters and cousins they would see in the ball-rooms. And so history repeats itself.—*Japan Chronicle.*

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N.Y. EVENING SUN.

To judge by the enthusiasm of the audience at the opening of "My Four Years in Germany," dramatized from Ambassador Gerard's book, the film is going to be a success. It was an enjoyable experience to be at the Knickerbocker for the opening, just to participate in the patriotic demonstration if for no other reason.

A great deal of skill is used in presenting the episodes from Mr. Gerard's experience during his four years as Ambassador to Germany.

The real emotional appeal of the piece comes after a scene in which Mr. Gerard gets his passport and von Jagow says sneeringly: "Well, America won't fight anyhow." Then a number of scenes telling of America's participation in the war are shown in an answer to Germany's sneer. The audience showed a high pitch of enthusiasm. Men and women clapped their hands until they were sore and shouted until their throats were hoarse.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

It is a plain statement of facts, by Ambassador James W. Gerard. It is dignified and impressive, and the things which are shown on the screen, actual scenes, will do more to arouse the thoughtless to action than a million words of quasi-patriotic flimsy with their big-eyed Belgian maidens and their bestial boches.

Such a picture is bound to give one pause, and it is probable that every man who leaves the theatre feels that he has even a right to the clothes he is wearing.

The prisoners of war are starving and going mad. They are beaten and tortured and interned with Russians suffering from typhus. The German prisoners of war are shown. Their treatment is quite different, presumably because the jailers lack "kultur."

NEW YORK HERALD.

"My Four Years in Germany," meaning James W. Gerard's record of his ambassadorship in Berlin, a philosophy of patriotic value and artistic importance, was received upon its presentation in the Knickerbocker Theatre with an outburst of applause and cheering unprecedented at such entertainment.

Mr. Gerard, the last American Ambassador at Berlin, was present, and in response to calls from the spectators made a brief address at the close of the presentation, in which he referred to President Wilson as the one man in the world who can bring the war to a successful end.

The philosophy is an adaptation of Mr. Gerard's book of the same title, and owing to the elaborate construction in setting and production in every detail, the narrative becomes intensely dramatic when pictured on the screen.

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NEW YORK WORLD.

A moving picture version of "My Four Years in Germany," the book published by former Ambassador Gerard shortly after his return from Berlin was shown before a packed house in the Knickerbocker Theatre.

The picture is a record of political events from the time when the German Government, convinced that a war was necessary to save militarism, brought on the conflict, up to the present day.

Several meetings between Mr. Gerard and the Kaiser were shown on the screen, including the interview in which the Kaiser declared he would stand no nonsense from America after the war. How it was planned in Berlin to sink the Lusitania, how the Germans finally agreed to abandon ruthless submarine warfare, how they finally gave Mr. Gerard only six hours' notice of the assumption of ruthless warfare, how they told him America would not fight and how America is getting ready to fight, were shown graphically.

The picture should prove a valuable piece of American propaganda.

NEW YORK AMERICAN.

The picturized version of "My Four Years in Germany" adapted from the book of the same name by former Ambassador Gerard, was shown for the first time on the screen of the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Closely following the printed revelations made by Mr. Gerard the picturized version is intensely clear-cut and impressive. The audience sat literally on the edge of the chairs, absorbed in the unfolding of this dramatic drama. Interest was intense, that even applause was checked.

Pictures of German court life, in the opening reels, showed the Kaiser, Crown Prince and the German war lords. The events leading up to the break between this country and Germany and Ambassador Gerard's request for passports, made thrilling material. In the end the answer was given to Germany's taunt: "America won't fight," by showing scenes of the new American army and navy.

DRAMATIC MIRROR.

In his book, "My Four Years in Germany," Ambassador James W. Gerard gave to the English-speaking world a document of vital import and unusual interest, primarily showing the reasons why America could do nothing else but go to war. The motion picture adaptation gives to the screen the outstanding incidents of the book. That the result is a huge success is best illustrated by the reception the film received on the occasion of the opening performance of an indefinite engagement at the Knickerbocker Theatre. A fairly typical audience cheered, shouted and applauded. Those present were not displaying emotional hysteria either. It was genuinely stirred enthusiasm, overpowering and uncontrollable.

EXHIBITORS' TRADE REVIEW.

With the number of so-called "war pictures" on the market—one or two of them excellent and the others so palpably faked and false—it is refreshing, to say the least, to view one like "My Four Years in Germany."

How anyone, no race or creed barred, could view this picture and

not be thrilled to the very core is beyond conception. It is a truly wonderful picturization of events, historically true, taken from the book of the same name, by Ambassador James W. Gerard, and visualized in a manner both interesting and entertaining.

The photography is perfect, the interior settings lifelike, the minutest detail, the exteriors well chosen and the acting of the principals and entire cast beyond criticism.

The portrayal of the Kaiser and his staff, the treatment accorded the Russian and English prisoners by the Germans, the capturing and deportation of the Belgian women, the shooting of the old and the young, the route to the prison camps to avoid feeding them, all these and more are shown in a manner too lifelike, perhaps, but all in a manner that can't bring the war "home" to those who view this picture.

The war with all its attending horrors cannot appear pleasing to a beholder, but it is interesting to swim at first hand just what "our boys" are going up against, and the mastery struggle of one of them who "promised dad I'd get six of 'em," gets his six Germans, one after the other, and winds up by rescuing a captive from the last.

The last reel is an answer to the Germans' "The American won't fight," and picturization of Mr. Gerard's reply "They won't, eh?" Scene after scene shows the U.S. troops training, marching and the West Point cadets in their wonderful machine like parade, compared to the Kaiser's finest hussars with their "goose-step."

The picture will be a box-office winner for any exhibitor and two much praise cannot be given it.

NEW YORK EVENING MAIL.

Former Ambassador James W. Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany" had its first presentation as a photograph at the Knickerbocker Theatre. The most significant occurrence of the evening was the enthusiasm which greeted interpolated pictures of United States troops, an enthusiasm which gathered force until the theatre was ringing with cheers.

The photograph loses no opportunity to impress the spectator with the supposition that the Sarajevo incident was not accidental, but coolly and carefully planned by the German emperor and his advisors.

Two of the most interesting scenes of the picture are Mr. Gerard's visit to the prisoners' camp at Wittenberg and that in which he is given his passport. The German government refused to supply Mr. Gerard and his official family with passports until he had signed an agreement whereby America promised to release German boats interned at American ports. Mr. Gerard's refusal to sign on the dotted line and his statement that before doing so he "would stay in Germany until Hell freezes over" supplied one of the exciting incidents of the evening. The audience applauded the scene wildly.

NEW YORK EVENING GLOBE.

The screen version of Ambassador Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany" had its first public presentation at the Knickerbocker Theatre. The picture begins with the Zabor incident and ends with the Ambassador asking for his passports. Those who read the book will find

that the main incidents of the story of the intrigue and German perfidy shown with lifelike detail. The chief characters in this great world drama are drawn with truth, and the story is held together with fine touches of the art of picture making. There are shown numerous audiences with the Kaiser, and real German bluster is seen in the war lord's threat to the ambassador that "After this war Germany will stand for no nonsense from the United States." There is also pictured the Teutonic boast that America won't fight—a boast that has been made childish by the present appearance of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers in France.

Other pictures shown from the book include Germany's treatment of prisoners of war, the effort to bottle up the British fleet, which was frustrated through information furnished by Mr. Gerard; the brutality of the Germans toward the women and children of Belgium and northern France, and the attitude of the German people toward their government. At no time is it necessary to resort to fiction to bring out the effort of the Kaiser to dominate the world.

The picture undoubtedly will have a great influence upon all those who see it, and should be a great factor in stirring up the people of the country to look over war conditions squarely in the face. They will have a chance to see pictured many things that do not greatly impress when seen merely on the printed page. Ambassador Gerard, who was among those who saw the picture at its first public presentation, made a short address.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS.

Ambassador James W. Gerard's widely read book, "My Four Years

in Germany," relating his experiences as representative of the United States Government in the centre of Prussianism, makes a stirring patriotic propaganda as rendered into film form by Charles A. Logue, who prepared a scenario, and by William Nigh, who directed. Last Sunday night at the Knickerbocker Theatre when the film received its premiere presentation, there was hardly a minute when the house did not ring with applause that turned into cheers. All the wily diplomacy which the heads of the German nation sought to deceive the United States through its presentation, all the atrocities witnessed by Mr. Gerard, such as the mistreatment of the English prisoners, the deportation of helpless Belgian women, perpetrated without regard for any sense of international law—these and a large assortment of views of Allied troops on the march make capital seeing for the man who goes into the theatre ready to have his emotions stirred against the common enemy.

S. JAY KAUFMAN IN NEW YORK GLOBE.

Add "My Four Years in Germany" to the pictures that tiny list of them that are memorable. Last night former Ambassador Gerard's book was flashed on a screen at the Knickerbocker Theatre before a magnificent audience—motors round to Ninth Avenue—and not a person left the theatre until the end. Which end was a word from Mr. Gerard himself. The value of the picture is obvious. But from the movie standpoint it is of more value because in the facts it puts a great stamp into the atrocious stories usually filmed. What's more, no compromise is made. Each fact, vouched for by Mr. Gerard, was done by William Nigh in thorough fashion. In this audience were people one doesn't often see at movie first rights. Among them Marshall McCutcheon, who said: "I want to see it again."

RELIEF FORCE LEADERS.

Brigadier-General G. W. St. George Grogan, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., Worcester Regiment, will command the 1st Brigade of the Russian Relief Force, and that the 2nd Brigade will be commanded by Brigadier-General L. W. de Vere Stedier-Jackson, C.M.G., D.S.O., 9th Lancers.

JUSTICE.

Johnny approached the teacher in fear and trembling. Tears glistened in his eyes, his lips trembled pitifully. He was a moving sight. In a voice broken with sobs he asked: "Can a boy be punished for something he hasn't done?" The teacher's eyes flashed indignantly. "Of course not," she said. "We-well," said Johnny timidly, "I haven't done my arithmetic."

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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His Excellency also referred to the fact that His Majesty has been pleased to create the Hon. Mr. Reginald Stubbs, the Governor designate of Hongkong a Knight Companion of the most Excellent Order of St. Michael and St. George and the appointment of the lady who is now Lady Stubbs to be a member of the order of the British Empire. His Excellency proposed that this Council send a telegram to Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs, conveying Hongkong's felicitations and an expression of appreciation of their appointment to the distinctions.

This was duly seconded and carried. His Excellency then announced that there is a vacancy in the Public Works Committee occasioned by the absence of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and appointed the Hon. Mr. Parr to fill the vacancy. Another vacancy occasioned by the departure of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale was also announced and Mr. J. Johnstone was appointed by His Excellency.

The first reading of the following Bills was proposed by the Hon. the Acting Attorney General, Mr. H. E. Pollock seconded by the Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher:—

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance for the more effectual protection of marine stores.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the registration of births and deaths.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to make provision for determining the date of the termination of the present war, and for purposes connected therewith.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance for the better Prevention of Corruption.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., in proposing that a Bill in-

titled An Ordinance to authorise the Bank of Canton, Limited, to convert its silver capital into gold, said that this is the third local dollar company, to take on account of the present rate of exchange, the step to convert their silver capital into gold.

All these firms do large business transactions in all parts of the world and deal in large sums in gold and he thought they might, in view of the present favourable rate of exchange, take the advantage of converting their capital into gold now if ever at all.

The Bill was taken into its 1st and 2nd reading and into the committee stage after coming out of which, it was read a third time and on the proposal of the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu pak was unanimously passed without further amendment.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong, was then read for the first time on the proposal of the Hon. Mr. Dodwell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Parr.

His Excellency then announced that the Council will be adjourned until next Thursday, and the meeting afterwards went into Committee to consider Financial minutes Nos. 21 to 40.

THE EIFFEL TOWER.

The Eiffel Tower, which will shortly be demolished and reopened to the public, has just passed its thirtieth birthday. On April 2, 1889, the hoisting of the Tricolour from its summit proclaimed the completion of a work carried out by M. Eiffel in the teeth of much abuse. When the foundations were laid a section of the French Press prophesied that the tower would never be completed. Their predictions proving false, they decried the structure as a gigantic blot on the beauty of Paris, and called for its demolition as soon as the exhibition for which it was built came to an end. Had this been done, the Hun-aimers deputed to bomb Paris would certainly have found their task much easier than it actually proved.

ENEMY PROPERTY SALE.

SOLD FOR \$77,700.

By order of the Hongkong Government, Mr. G. P. Lunnert offered for sale by public auction yesterday afternoon, the valuable household property situate and being Shaukiwan Marine Lot No. 1, and known as Blackhead's Soap Works, to be sold under the instructions of the Liquidator of Messrs. Blackhead & Co., F. H. Holmke, F. J. R. Schwarzkopf, E. H. Thiel and J. E. Danielson.

After the conditions attached to the sale had been read in English and Chinese, Mr. Lunnert announced that the bidding would be opened at \$60,000. The bidding was confined to half a dozen, all being Chinese except one. The price offered rose by \$500 a bid, until \$75,000 was reached. A Chinese then offered a \$100 more which bid was accepted. The bidding then went on \$100 a time until \$77,700 was reached, when the property was knocked down to Mr. Fred Ellis.

FALSE TRADE-MARKS.

The case was resumed to-day in which the Cassum Ahmed shop of Wellington Street was summoned with selling to customers Woollen rolls to which false trade-marks had been attached.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman prosecuted and Mr. F. X. d'Almeida represented the defendant firm. Mr. Wakeman (the Crown Solicitor) said that on May 17, a Chinese detective was given a dollar note to purchase wool from the defendant firm. He was given a quality of wool different from the kind he had asked for.

Mr. A. W. Smith of Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co., stated that the wool the Company imported from England was of the "Beehive" trademark, and was Andalusian wool. Mr. Almeida—I submit to Your Worship that defendant acted innocently and that he should be discharged. Hearing was adjourned.

GALLOPS FOR GYMKHANA.

Red Ensign, Gegg, 2 mile 36.4 110.2 144.2.
Bend Or, Sedgwick 2 mile 37.4 113 147.2.
Rochester, Doyle, 2 mile 112 144.4.
Pacer Money, Gegg, 2 mile 37 111.3 144.
Malcolm, Sutton, Dun Duke, Boy 2 mile 36.4 110.2 144.3.
Victory Star, Sutton, 2 mile 49.3 131.2 205.
Flyford, Boy, Rheostat, Adams 2 mile 39.4 114.2 149.
Alexander, Gegg, 2 mile 36.3 110.2 141.2.
Meymoon, Doyle, 2 mile 37 111 144.3.
Viola, Gegg, 2 mile 36.1 112.1 145.
Lord Lorne, Boy, 2 mile 36 111 142.
Dusky, Sutton, 2 mile 36.1 111.3 146.
Hector, Mody, Excelsior, Boy, 2 mile 38.4 112.3 147.
Greyhound, 2 mile 1.49.
Eaton, Boy, Sedgwick 2 mile 37.1 112.3 147.3.
Aldog II, Sedgwick 2 mile 40.1 117 152.3.
Vivat, Boy, Morning Star, Sutton, 2 mile 37.1 112 146.2.
Gentle Cat, Sutton, last 2 mile of 2 mile 34 107.
Wedding Bells, Sedgwick, last 2 mile of 5 furlongs 35.2 108.
Pick Eye, Boy, 1 mile 38.4 116 151 226.
The sand course over which these gallops were timed was very holding after last night's rain.

THE BOOKSELLER.

"Your husband is out? At Peking? Does your husband play golf?"
"Yes."
"Then I'm sure you will be interested in this set of thirty-eight volumes I am selling. It will help you while away many a lonely hour."

AN INSURANCE CASE.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS.

Before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Melbourne, in the Summary Court yesterday, the hearing was concluded in the case in which Lau Tit of 11 Western Street, West Point, trading under the style of Lau Tit Kee at 208 Queen's Road West, brought an action against the Leun Tiek Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., claiming the sum of \$1,000 insurance money for some goods which were partly destroyed by fire at 208 Queen's Road West. The property was insured on November 12, 1917, and exactly one month afterwards, on December 12, 1917, the fire occurred. The plaintiff, it will be remembered, alleged that \$2,000 odd worth of goods stored in the premises, were either destroyed by fire or damaged by water. The defendants, on the other hand, contended that no damage was done by fire, and that the only damage done was to the extent of \$5 caused by water.

The case was argued at length by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida & Castro) for the plaintiff, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. E. Davidson), for the defendants, and yesterday his Lordship entered judgment for the defendants with costs.

JUST A STORY.

A newspaper reporter, who is inclined to be lazy in his method of picking up news, met a China Mail reporter who is as keen as the other is lazy.

"Anything doing?" asked the lazy one.

"I have a report that a man choked to death in a restaurant, but I haven't learned his name yet," replied the other.

"How did it happen?" asked the reporter, eagerly seeking copy.

"He was eating a piece of horse-meat," was the reply, "and someone said 'Whoo!'"

JOHN HAMPDEN.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS.

In a paragraph on the De Keyser Hotel case a contemporary perpetrates a blunder which transgresses the limits of the tolerable. Comparing the case to that in which John Hampden in 1637 resisted the levying of ship money" by the infuriated Charles on the instigation of Strafford and Laud, it says, "John Hampden, a member of the House of Commons, refused to pay on the ground that the tax was leviable only on the maritime counties and not on the realm at large. The decision was given in favour of John Hampden, on the ground that only the counties and shires adjacent to the sea were liable for this maritime defence levy." This is, of course, an absolutely incorrect account of what occurred. So far from "the best traditions of the English bench" reaffirming the sanctity of property, the judiciary, never more corrupt than in 1637, decided against John Hampden and in favour of unlimited powers being allowed the Royal prerogative. John Hampden's "whistle" authority and accuracy are unlikely to be challenged, says: "For twelve days the cause of ship money was solemnly argued before the 'full bench' of Judges [in November 1637]. The case was adjourned. In June 1638 the judges delivered at last their long delayed decision on Hampden's case. Two judges only pronounced in his favour, though three followed them on technical grounds. The majority, seven in number, gave judgment against him. The broad principle was laid down that no statute prohibiting arbitrary taxation could be pleaded against the King's will. I never read or heard, said Judge Berkeley, that lex was rex, but it is common and most true that rex is lex. Finch, the Chief Justice, summed up the opinions of his fellow Judges: 'Acts of Parliament to take away the King's royal power in the defence of his kingdom are void. Acts of Parliament are void to bind the King not to command the subjects, their persons and goods, and I say their money too, for no Acts of Parliament make any difference'."

MANCHESTERS AT SINGAPORE.

The first number of a bright little paper, *The Tanglin Tribune*, the organ of the Wing 1st Garrison Battalion, Manchester Regt., reaches us from Tanglin. Many of the quips will be only understandable by members of the Regiment, but there is "good stuff" in it, as the following excerpt shows:—

A RHAPSODY.

By one that Languisheth at Fort Canning.
O, Normanton to jaded eyes
Is wonderfully fair:
Sweet perfumes in the night time
Like breezes out of Paradise
Upon the balmy air.

O, Tanglin is a refuge blessed
With half a hundred joys;
No mortal is unduly pressed
To work; 'tis just a place of rest
For weary soldier boys.

But Canning's Fort! ah, send me there
Beneath Headquarters' shade:
Upon the famous hill top, where
We go on Guard just once a year
And never do parade!

(Although acknowledging the merit due to the above verse, we feel ourselves obliged to controvert its truth. During a visit to Fort Canning the other day, we distinctly saw a fellow blowing the dust off his rifle barrel. Work is done at Canning quite as zealously as at Normanton or Tanglin. —Ed. Singapore Free Press.)

The iniquitous decision was quashed in 1640, by no bench of judges but by the House of Commons, roused to revolutionary vigour by the policy of the Royal fool and his myrmidons. John Hampden was a very great man, who being dead yet speaketh wherever true liberalism lifts up its voice against tyranny, chauvinism and brummagem "imperialism," which are as lively in our free and enlightened realm as ever they were. John Hampden was vindicated by no bench of judges—who, on occasion, can play the sycophant to executive unrighteousness still—but by the common-sense of the sovereign people.

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II—Fire Funds..... 3,837,000

III—Life & Annuity Funds.....17,567,500
Sinking Fund—do..... 124,125,367

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Revenue Fire Branch.....21,381,000
 " Life and Annuity } 2,141,000
 " Branches }
Revenue Marine Department..... 3,837,000
Other Receipts..... 237,367

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<p> II—Fire Funds..... 3,837.00 III—Life & Annuity Funds..... 17,667.50 Sinking Fund—Accum..... 159.40 </p>	<p> £3,996.90 </p>
<p> Revenue Fire Branch..... 23,381.10 “ “ Life and Annuity..... 2,416.10 Revenue Marine Department..... 237.50 Other Receipts..... 478.80 </p>	<p> £26,513.50 </p>

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SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. NINGCHOW, June 13 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 15.
The s.s. TUDOR, June 13 and leaves for Shanghai June 20.
The s.s. NILEUS, due here June 13 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 15.
The s.s. PRIAM, due here June 21 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 23.
The s.s. DEUCALION, due here June 24 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 25.
The s.s. TRESIAS, due here June 29 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 30.
The s.s. PROMETHEUS, due here July 3 and leaves for Japan July 4.
The s.s. ATREUS, due here July 5 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan July 7.
The s.s. EURYPYLUS, due here July 8 and leaves for Shanghai, Tokyo and Dairei July 9.
The s.s. NAGOYA, leaves London June 5, due here July 21 and leaves for Japan ports July 22.
The s.s. MALTA, leaves London June 19, due here August 5 and leaves for Japan ports August 6.

FROM SHANGHAI.

The s.s. ANDER MARU, due here from Shanghai June 10 and leaves for London and Antwerp June 11.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. NAGOYA, leaves Yokohama August 9 and is due here August 30.
The s.s. MALTA, leaves Yokohama August 23 and is due here September 3.
The s.s. RHESUS, leaves Yokohama May 31 and is due here June 17.
The s.s. TAIYU, leaves Yokohama June 28 and is due here July 12.
The s.s. IDONEUS, leaves Yokohama June 14 and is due here July 1.
The s.s. STENTOR, leaves Yokohama May 21 and is due here June 13 and leaves for Liverpool.
The s.s. TEUCER, leaves Yokohama June 7 and is due here June 21 and leaves for Liverpool.
The s.s. ARABIAN APCAR, leaves Kobe June 3, due here June 10 and leaves for Calcutta June 12.
The s.s. NINGCHOW, leaves Yokohama June 21 and is due here July 8 and leaves for Liverpool.
The s.s. KOREA MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 18 and leaves for San Francisco June 26.
The s.s. NIPPON MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 30 and leaves for San Francisco July 7.
The s.s. PERSIA MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 13 and leaves for San Francisco June 18.
The s.s. ANYO MARU, due here from Mori August 31 and leaves for South America September 10.
The s.s. KIKO MARU, due here from Mori July 1 and leaves for South America July 12.
The s.s. SEITO MARU, due here from Mori October 24 and leaves for South America November 4.
The s.s. BANRI MARU, due here from Kobe and Mori June 15 and leaves for Java ports June 14.
The s.s. JAPAN, leaves Kobe July 6, due here July 13 and leaves for Calcutta July 16.
The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Kobe and Mori July 16 and leaves for Java ports July 17.
The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Kobe and Mori July 27 and leaves for Java ports July 29.
The s.s. HAWAII MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 18 and leaves for South America June 16.
The s.s. JASON, leaves Yokohama June 24 and is due here July 8.
The s.s. VELDS, leaves Yokohama July 12 and is due here July 29.
The s.s. AGAMEMNON, leaves Yokohama July 12 and is due here July 24.
The s.s. DEL CALION, leaves Yokohama July 19 and is due here August 5.

FROM JAVA.

The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Java ports June 11 and leaves for Japan July 14.
The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Java ports June 21 and leaves for Japan ports June 24.
The s.s. RICHON MARU, due here from Java ports July 4 and leaves for Japan ports July 7.
The s.s. BANRI MARU, due here from Java ports July 26 and leaves for Japan ports July 29.
The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Java ports August 23 and leaves for Japan ports August 31.
The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Java ports September 1 and leaves for Japan ports September 12.

FROM MANILA.

The s.s. PROTISLAUS, leaves Manila June 27, due here June 29 and leaves for Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle July 3.
The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Manila July 27, due here July 24 and leaves for Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle July 28.
The s.s. TENYO MARU, due here July 14 and leaves for San Francisco July 21.
The s.s. SIBERIA MARU, due here July 22 and leaves for San Francisco July 29.

FROM CALCUTTA.

The s.s. JAPAN, leaves Calcutta June 1, due here June 17 and leaves for Kobe June 20.

FROM BOMBAY.

The s.s. DUNERA, leaves Bombay June 7, due here June 24 and leaves for Japan ports June 25.

FROM AMERICA.

The s.s. PROTISLAUS, leaves Seattle May 21, due here June 15 and leaves for Manila June 21.
The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Seattle June 16, due here July 11 and leaves for Manila July 17.
The s.s. CYCLOPS, leaves Seattle July 9, due here August 2 and leaves for Manila August 6.

POST OFFICE.

Jewellery and Silverware, manufactured in Hongkong or any other British Possession may now be sent by parcel post from Hongkong to the United Kingdom.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc. for their use handed in at the G.P.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless Telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

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Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Unine, Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

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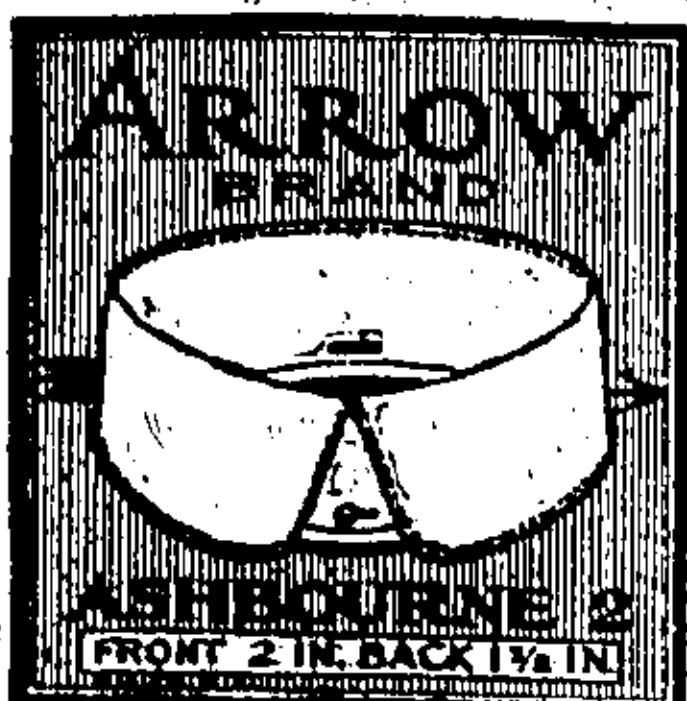
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FRIDAY, June 6.
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FRIDAY, June 6.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per CALCUTTA MARU, 9 a.m.
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Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per FOOCHOW, 9 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 9 p.m.
Saigon—Per CHOUJUN MARU, 5 p.m.
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SATURDAY, June 7.
Japan via Mori, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per CANADA MARU, 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, June 8.
Swatow, Amoy and Hongkong via Keelung—Per AMARUSA MARU, 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, June 10.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHINHUA, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow—Per HAI HONG, 1 p.m.
THURSDAY, June 12.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via CANADA—Per EMPRESS OF ASIA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, June 13.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow—Per QUINCEBAUGH, 9 a.m.
Welsh, Chetco and Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 11 a.m.
SATURDAY, June 14.
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, June 17.
Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.
TUESDAY, June 24.
Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 2 p.m.

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RUTHERFORD VERDICT.

PREMONITION OF THE TRAGEDY IN A DREAM

The jury at the Old Bailey on April 9, found Captain Rutherford, D.S.O., guilty, but insane.
The only thing about the verdict which seemed to surprise those in court a little, says a home paper, was the rapidity with which the jury agreed. They were absent from court for exactly five minutes.
Mr. Justice Salter had retired from the bench while the jury were out, and Captain Rutherford, who had sat all day listening to the witnesses and the speeches, had gone down the dock steps to the waiting-room below. The couple of hundred people in court were discussing the prospect of half an hour's wait—a jury seldom takes less in a murder trial—when suddenly there was a scurry of officials, and the jury filed back into the box where they had sat for three days. The judge, in his emerald robe of crimson, returned solemnly to his chair, and the man whose fate was now to be known

came lightly up the steps inside the spacious oak dock.

Every one knew that a talk of only five minutes among the jury meant a verdict which did not involve a death sentence, and every face in court but one seemed to reflect satisfaction at the avoidance of that sentence.
The exception was Captain Rutherford. Whatever his feelings may have been, his face showed no sign of gladness or relief. He stood between the two warders, who had sat with him all through his trial, with his head slightly drooping forward and an air of melancholy on his face. He was not in khaki, but wore an old and rather faded blue lounge suit.

THE VACANT LOOK.
When the judge made the usual order in such circumstances—that the prisoner should be detained "during his Majesty's pleasure"—Captain Rutherford listened without seeming to hear, and stood looking vacantly across the court until one of the warders tapped his shoulder and told him to go below. He turned quickly, as if waking from a reverie, and went without a word or a sign to any of his friends in court.

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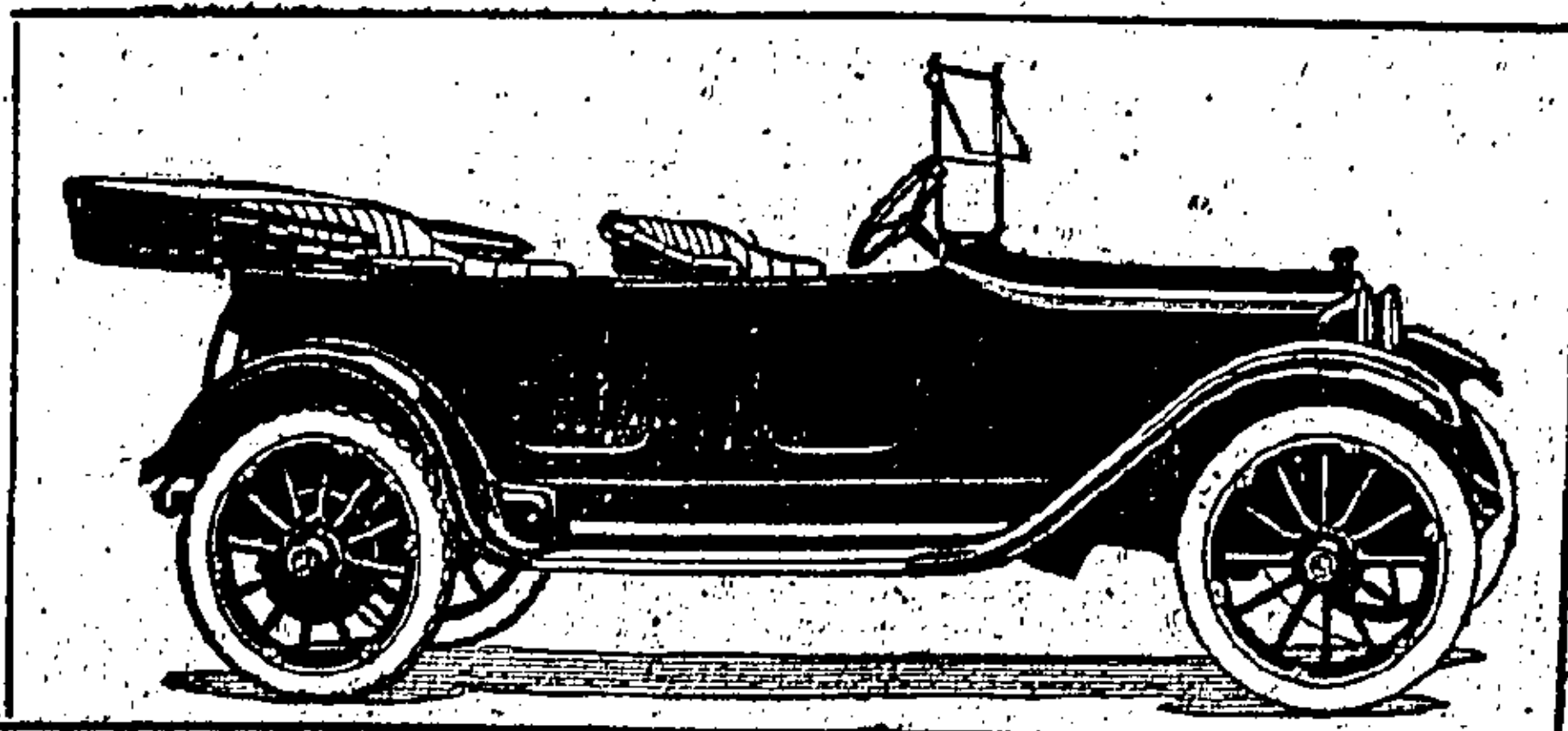
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His look of mental abstraction tallied with the statement which he made before the court that the previous day to Dr. Hyslop—the famous mind doctor, formerly head of Bethlem Hospital—that he was unable to realize that he was the person concerned in the murder and the trial.

This was part of a remarkable account which Dr. Hyslop gave of a series of talks he had with Captain Rutherford since his arrest, in consequence of which he came to the conclusion that he was of unsound mind. The reason Captain Rutherford gave him for shooting Major Seton was that Major Seton exercised a bad influence over the Rutherford children—for example, he encouraged one of the boys to contemplate shooting big game in Africa.

One of the striking features of the trial was that while Mrs. Rutherford's letters to her husband were read, and while other persons spoke of the visits which Major Seton paid to the Rutherford home at Carshalton while Captain Rutherford was in France, Mrs. Rutherford did not give evidence. Sir R. D. Muir was there all the time, "watching" on her behalf, but neither side called her as a witness. The Crown could not, according to law, ask her to give evidence against her husband, and she was not called as a witness for the defence. Dr. Hyslop supplied what was perhaps the explanation.

DRAMATIC TOUCH.

He described, with a sense of the dramatic tragedy of the affair, the talk he had with Captain Rutherford, in which he gradually led up to the point of Mrs. Rutherford's relationship with Major Seton, when Captain Rutherford, so far from making any complaint against her, declared, "I have always had perfect faith in my wife."

There were other dramatic touches in Dr. Hyslop's story told though it was in a quiet, untheatrical way. He retold Captain Rutherford's story of a dream he had in France in December, in which he killed Major Seton (the actual shooting was on January 18), and of the horror in which Captain Rutherford awoke.

It seemed impossible, after the reading of the prison doctor's report, that the jury could come to any conclusion other than that at which the prison doctor arrived—that Captain Rutherford was insane at the time; but Mr. Rigby Swift, K.C., made assurance doubly sure, and called a long string of witnesses including a V.C.—who piled Pelion on Ossa, and, with their many stories about Captain Rutherford, left no shadow of doubt in the jury's mind.

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SUIYANG, Brit., 1,594 tons, from Canton, Capt. Gibbe, B. & S. A2.
PATRIOT, Brit., 1,608 tons, from C.W. Teo, Capt. Green, Dodwell, C14.
KWANSANG, Brit., 1,435 tons, from Singapore, Capt. Grant, J.M. & Co., Kowloon Wharf.

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SHANSI, Brit., 1,528 tons, from Wuhu, Capt. Callock, B. & S. C14.
TUPAVAS, Dutch, 2,443 tons, from Java, Capt. D. Pals, J.O.M.L. A31.
CHENAN, Brit., 1,355 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Lever, B. & S. B12.
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CHINHUA, Brit., 1,353 tons, from Swatow, Capt. J. Speed, B. & S. B11.
SINGAN, Brit., 1,047 tons, from Canton, Capt. E. B. Jones, B. & S. Dock.

CLEARANCES.

June 4.
TILATJAP, Dutch, 64 m., for Yokohama, J.C.J.L.
AMUR MARU, Jap., 8 a.m., for London and Antwerp via Singapore, O.S.K.
LOKSANG, Brit., 19 a.m., for Haiphong, J.M. & Co.
CHEFOO, Chin., 12 noon, for Wuhu via Shanghai, Sam Shing.
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KAHO, Chi., 8 p.m., for Wuhu, Moller & Co.
NANKING MARU, Jap., noon, for Melbourne, O.S.K.

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LUNSHING, Brit., 10 a.m., for Saigon, Keng Yuen.
LUICHOW, Brit., 10 a.m., for Bangkok via Hoibow, B. & S.
SUIYANG, Brit., noon, for Shanghai, B. & S.
NANYO MARU, No. 2, Jap., 8 a.m., for Penang via Singapore, Y.K.K.
BORHU MARU, Jap., 10 a.m., for Takao via Swatow and Amoy, O.S.K.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.M.S.S. Co's s.s. Nanking sailed from Shanghai June 4, and is due to arrive in Hongkong on Friday afternoon, June 6.
The T.K.K. s.s. Persia Maru arrived at Yokohama June 2, and will sail June 5 as per schedule, being due at the Port June 13.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Mitsushima Maru (European Line) left Singapore for this port direct on the 4th June, and is expected here on the 9th June.

Latest Advice.
The P. & O. S. N. Co's s.s. Chusan left Singapore for this port on the 31st May at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 6th June at about 9 p.m.
The Shawan Tomes Co. s.s. Celtic Prince is expected here from New York about middle of June.
The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver on May 31.
The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. Empress of Russia sailed from Kobe May 14 for Yokohama.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Tenshin Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port direct on the 31st May, and is expected here on the 7th June.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Mitsushima Maru (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez Canal on the 2nd May, and is expected here on the 8th June.
The N.Y.K. s.s. Toyo Maru, No. 2 (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 29th May, and is expected here on the 19th June.

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The N.Y.K. s.s. Sado Maru (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez Canal on the 8th May, and is expected here on the 18th June.
The C.M.S.S. Co's s.s. China arrived at San Francisco on May 17 in accordance with schedule.
The T.K.K. s.s. Shimo Maru arrived at Yokohama June 1st, and will sail June 4th for Honolulu and San Francisco as per schedule.

The T.K.K. s.s. Koro Maru sailed from San Francisco May 31, and will arrive at Hongkong June 15.
The T.K.K. s.s. Sanyo Maru arrived at Yokohama May 13 and sails May 17 according to schedule for San Francisco en-route to South America.

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